Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is known for its strong family traditions—family farms, family businesses, and family vacations; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for families to come together to share their experiences, exchange their life's stories and dreams, build life long relationships, and discover their roots, and this is the Wiley family's goal as they travel to South Dakota from Virginia, Texas and Nebraska; and,

Whereas, Though families may split apart in geographical sense, distance cannot break the powerful bonds of emotional and spiritual togetherness; and,

Whereas, Donald Gene Wiley celebrated his 80th birthday on March 31, 2007, and Betty Jean Wiley celebrated her 80th birthday on June 4, 2007, both born in Huron, South Dakota, and,

Whereas, Don and Betty Wiley, now residing in Rapid City, South Dakota, marked their 57th wedding anniversary on June 18, 2007; and,

Whereas, The Wiley Family will dine at Don and Betty's favorite restaurant, the Fireside, be entertained by the Sweet Adelines, travel to historic Deadwood, ride the 1880 train between Hill City and Keystone, boat on Lake Pactola and commemorate their entire time together with a family portrait; and,

Whereas, Don and Betty's descendants, Gene, Todd, Ann and Steve; their spouses; grandchildren and great-grandson will come together on July 14, 2007, to celebrate milestones in life and create new memories, and it is fitting and proper as governor of the state of South Dakota to recognize this special event in the lives of the Wiley family:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 14, 2007, as

WILEY FAMILY REUNION DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State